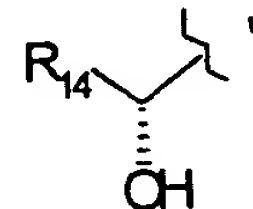In claim 16, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 13 to 15" and insert therefor --claim 13--.

In claim 17, line 1, delete "any one of claims 13 to 16" and insert therefor --claim ___--.

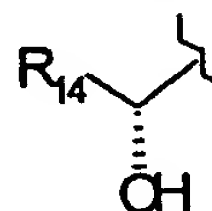In claim 24, after line, delete ", especially $R_{14}\overset{\vdots}{\underset{OH}{\diagup}}$"

In claim 28, lines 2-3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 25" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

In claim 29, lines 5-7 delete ", or a fluorine containing oligopeptide salt or ester of any one of claims 1 to 25".

In claim 30, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1-25" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Add the following new claim:

31. A dipeptide salt or ester according to claim 24, wherein R_{13} is a group of the formula $R_{14}\overset{\vdots}{\underset{OH}{\diagup}}$

Delete claims 26 and 27.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to delete multiple claims dependencies and to conform certain of the claims to United States Patent and Trademark Office practice.